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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No. 010930.00126

First Inventor Dennis J. May

Title Clipper for Automatic Netting Packaging Machine

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120163**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **19**]
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- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **4**]
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5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets **2**]
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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